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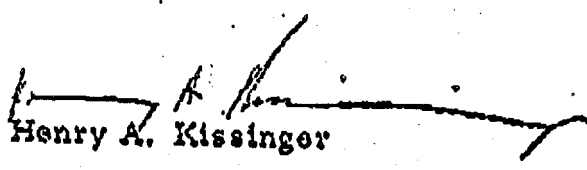
April 30, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: U.S. Fighter Aircraft Operating as
Combat Air Patrol in Support of
Reconnaissance Missions Targeted
on North Korea

The President has authorized U.S. fighter aircraft operating as Combat Air Patrol in support of reconnaissance missions targeted on North Korea to approach up to, but no closer than, 50 NM of the North Korean, Soviet or Chinese Communist coast lines. This restriction does not apply in the event U.S. reconnaissance aircraft are in imminent danger of attack, in which case approved rules of engagement apply.

The President has directed that the Secretary of Defense be responsible for the immediate implementation of his directive associated with the resumption of scheduled reconnaissance in the Pacific area and desires that the Secretary of Defense insure coordination with other responsible departments and agencies, including necessary clearances so that scheduled reconnaissance operations can be resumed with minimum delay.


Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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